

May 19, 2011

The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Speaker of the House  
H-101 State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 954 – *Washington County – Board of Elections – Membership and Compensation*.

This bill alters which salaries the Washington County Salary Study Commission is required to study and increases the number of regular members of the Washington County Board of Elections to five. This bill also requires the members of the local board to be of specified political parties and requires a vacancy on the local board to be filled in a specified manner. In addition, this bill repeals the requirement that members of the local board be paid a specified amount and makes the Act effective June 6, 2011.

Senate Bill 534, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 954.

Sincerely,

Governor